



City of Westworth Village
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TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 8, 2014
12:00 NOON**

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
COMMUNITY ROOM
311 BURTON HILL ROAD**

**POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT (TGC Chapter 551)
A QUORUM OF COUNCIL MEMBERS IS EXPECTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE**

ATTENDEES:

Mayor	Tony Yeager
Mayor Pro-Tem	Kelly Jones
Council Member	Jill Patton
Council Member	Nick Encke
Council Member	Steve Beckman
City Administrator	Roger Unger
City Secretary	Carol Borges
Fire Chief	Brian McKinney
Senior Fire Chief	Don Day
Police Chief	Doug Reim
Police Lieutenant	Glenn Lipperdt
Police Officer	Jeramey Miller

*over 80 residents and business leaders attended the meeting

ABSENT: Council Member Mike Coleman

CALLED TO ORDER at 12:50pm by Mayor Yeager (after the conclusion of the monthly community luncheon).

The City of Westworth Village held the Town Hall Meeting to discuss the future of the Westworth Village Volunteer Fire Department.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Jones made a presentation explaining the substantial budgetary increases the City will incur over the next five years with respect to mandated purchases of a fire truck, fire apparatus, radio equipment, and increased personnel costs. City officials have been working for over two years on how to best serve the community while keeping the budget under control. There are four options:
 - 1) maintain our own department and almost double the budget in five years,
 - 2) contract with Fort Worth for fire services only,
 - 3) form a Tri-City Dept with River Oaks and Sansom Park, or
 - 4) contract with White Settlement for fire services.

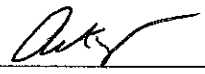
Each option has been weighed and vetted thoroughly. Discussions with White Settlement and forming a Tri-City Dept with River Oaks and Sansom Park have each fallen apart due to conflicting and irreconcilable approaches to both budget and management. Contracting with Fort Worth for fire services is financially feasible as our police officers are certified First Responder ECAs (Emergency Care Attendants). Their ability to successfully manage immediate medical attention has been examined and confirmed by MedStar Medical Director Dr Jeff Beeson. To maintain our own fire department, citizens would be subject to a major tax rate increase. Even at the maximum allowed increase, revenue would still not be enough to fund the department and would subject the City to a rollback election, where voters could force the rate back and we'd be right where we are today, or worse.

- Mayor Yeager, Mayor Pro-Tem Jones, City Administrator Roger Unger, Fire Chief Brian McKinney, and Police Chief Doug Reim answered attendees' questions about budget, management, fire protection, and medical response services.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Jones thanked everyone for their attendance and attention and invited all interested parties to attend the Public Hearing before the Council Meeting at 7:00pm.

No action will be taken by Council.

ADJOURNED at 1:37pm by Mayor Yeager.

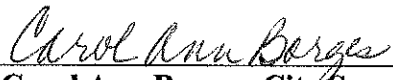
MINUTES APPROVED BY:



Anthony Yeager, Mayor
City of Westworth Village, TX

This, the 13th day of May, 2014.

SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:



Carol Ann Borges, City Secretary
City of Westworth Village, TX

